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# The Voice

Algona High School  
**Taylor Setzer**

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## Homecoming is here!

Bronson Jergenson

*The Voice* will be highlighting a senior each week. This week's senior is Taylor Setzer.

Taylor was born in Wisconsin and moved to Algona, Iowa, when she was only three years old. Taylor's parents' names are Kim and Karl Setzer. She also has two sisters and two brothers.

Taylor has held two jobs. She has been employed at the Perky Parrot and now works at Hy-Vee. Her favorite places to shop are The Buckle, Target, and also her sister's closet.

During school, she has been a part of the dance team and also the boys' track manager. She has been helping the boys out for the past three years and has been on the dance team for three years of high school.



The worst part of high school is not having any open campus the first three years she said. Taylor thinks the best parts of high school so far would be State dance and Homecoming week. Her favorite classes are art, broadcasting, and of course, journalism.

Mike Vandy

The week of September 19th through the 24th celebrated Homecoming at AHS. The theme for this year was Under the Big Top.

On Monday the students dressed in their PJ's, which was easy for several students who don't like getting out of bed.

Tuesday allowed students to dress as their favorite Disney character. It was also float decorating that evening.

Wednesday was corporate business day and was also an early out for staff development. That same night, the Student Senate sponsored a pork patty

supper before the muscle volleyball and powder-puff football games. Both muscle volleyball and powder-puff football were won by the seniors. The powder-puff football match was quite intense between the seniors and juniors, ending in overtime.

The Thursday dress up followed Homecoming's theme of circus. It was also was the voting day for Homecoming King and Queen during homeroom.

Today caps off the celebration with pep rallies, Homecoming King and Queen being announced, the traditional parade, the football game against Hampton Dumont, and the homecoming dance. The coronation starts at 1:30 and will feature the band, cheerleaders, drill team, Coach Bormann, crowning of the King & Queen, and four rounds of *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?* The dance costs \$3 at the door and will have music provided by DJ Mix Masta Nick.

Left: Brody Vaske and Makenzie Pesicka show their Homecoming spirit by dressing up for the different days.



### Friday, September 23, 2011

Red and Black Day

Elementary pep rallies beginning @ 8:30

12:15 court dismissed

1:00 court & parents meet in library

Band dismissed

1:30 dismiss classes for pep rally in the gym

2:45 Parade

Varsity football vs. Hampton-Dumont @

7:30

Homecoming dance following game until  
midnight

## Algona High School Swim Team

Scott Haas

The Algona Swim Team kicked off its season earlier this year with practices starting at the end of summer. Not only have Algona's kids been working hard, but so have Bishop Garrigan's, Emmetsburg's, and Estherville's kids who all join up and compete on Algona's team.

This year Algona has five students swimming. Those people are Nicole Kenne, Michaela Christian, Abby Strohmman, Lindsey Humble, and Joanna Wilson.

Last Thursday, September 15th, Algona had its second ever home swim meet, where the girls dropped 13 of

their Varsity meet times. Coach Fisher said, "We had a nice crowd show up for our meet including several people who were attending a swim meet for the first time. A lot of students were there also. It means a lot to the girls for the support."

The team split the meet by beating Charles City but falling to Spencer. The girls' record is 2-5 after Saturday's meet at Charles City. The girls have swam meets at Des Moines Lincoln and Boone.

The girls' next meet is on Saturday, September 24th, at the North Des Moines Invitational.



Left: Nicole Kenne competes at the only home swim meet.

## Waterfowl hunting

A.J. Wagner

All the waterfowl hunters out there - duck season is coming up fast! There happened to be an early season this past weekend, the 17th of September. This season ended the 21st. The youth season is the first weekend of October. The normal season will open October 15th and will close December 8th.

Goose season will open on September 24th through October 9th, and

opens back up October 15th through January 4th.

Before you go out, make sure you have your hunting license, duck stamp, migratory bird fee, and habitat fee. Remember to make sure that you know the limits of the different ducks and geese!

Brandon Lee says, "I enjoy the adrenaline rush when mallards are cupping into the decoys!"

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## Kossuth Saddle Club

Kuleen Parsons

The Saddle Club is a non-profit organization that was created to keep people interested in training and riding horses. They also do a wonderful job of maintaining the arena and surrounding area. They are always there to help and they hold at least four fun shows a year.

The fun shows include events such as barrel racing, pole bending, Texas flag race, stake race, keyhole, jumping figure eight, and goat tying.

The Saddle Club has clinics for new events such as goat tying, so people can try something new. You have to be a member to be in

the Saddle Club so you can ride in the fun shows; it is a very low price but it is worth it. Alex Smith said, "It is fun to watch."

Local businesses support the Saddle Club and many volunteers help with all the shows they do. They not only do fun shows, but they host some Jackpot barrel races and a roping event during the fair. The Saddle Club hosts some trail rides and open arena nights where you can get help with anything you and your horse are struggling with.

The major goal for the Kossuth County Saddle Club is for everyone to have safe, fun riding.

## Food & Nutrition II

Colbi Culpepper

The Food & Nutrition II class was invited to the Hospitality Management-Career Exploration Day on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. The Food & Nutrition II class will be traveling to Iowa Lakes Community College from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

All 20 AHS students attending will be watching professional cooks show what they know. They will also be able to sharpen their own culinary skills through

some hands-on workshops. The students will be divided into groups and will work on different skills dealing with cooking that are available throughout the day. Some of the sections include: baking, food preparation, and decorating.

The class seems to be very excited for this trip. Brittney Bradford says, "Food & Nutrition is so much fun! I love it."

Left: Courtne Opheim, Megan Ingalls, Maddie Jennings, Makenzie Pesicka pose with the Bulldog at an AHS home football game.



Photo by Jim Gale



# Sports

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## Algona High School Great start

Janet Hofmann

The 2011 Algona High School Varsity volleyball season is underway! The Bulldogs have played 23 games so far this season and currently have a record of 16-7.

The Bulldogs' season started on August 23rd, with a tournament at Dallas-Center Grimes High

School in which they went 2-2. At the Algona Classic, on September 3rd, Algona took second, losing only to 3rd ranked (in 2A) Lake Mills.

Algona's first Conference game was in Humboldt on September 8th, where the Bulldogs swept the Wildcats in three games. That same weekend, the Bulldogs placed second in the Spencer tournament.

The second Conference game the Varsity squad played was at Hampton-Dumont High School, losing in four games.

Left: Nathyn Trenary is ready to go up against Boone.

Photo by Jim Gale

The first Algona High School 2011 volleyball home game was against cross-town rivals, the Bishop-Garrigan Golden Bears. The AHS players swept the Bears, winning the first three games.

At the Forest City tournament, on Saturday, September 17, 2011, the Bulldogs swept Saint Ansgar, Forest City, Boone, and Spirit Lake. The last game of the day was to Lake Mills, in which AHS fell in two games to the purple and gold Bulldogs.

When asked about

Right: Ali Grein & Courtney Groen go up for a block against Garrigan.

the volleyball season so far, Brad Bjstrom said, "It looks like the girls are putting in a lot of effort."

At press time, the results of the September 22nd game against Clarion were not available. For the rest of September, the schedule consists of a game on the 27th at Eagle Grove and a home game on the 29th against Webster City.



## Bulldogs push towards a victory

Sawyer Brandt

To the students of AHS, football is a very big deal. Although the team has had a rough start, the team is still maintaining their composure. This is good because without level heads, they won't play to their fullest potential.

They are currently 0-4. They lost to Forest City 13-21. They put up a good fight with a few minor mistakes against Estherville, losing 7-14. They also lost to Boone 8-28, but the score of that game is deceiving because they played a very good, hard fought game. It just seemed like some things weren't going their way. This last Friday the Bulldogs lost

to Clear Lake 20-42.

The Bulldogs have put up a very good fight in all of their games. So far the team has 299 passing yards. Quarterback Derek Person threw a 35 yard touchdown pass to Michael Erpelding against Forest City. Sawyer Frideres had a 69 yard rushing touchdown against Forest City.

This Friday night, the 23rd, the Bulldogs will be playing Hampton-Dumont in front of a Homecoming crowd. Hampton is 2-2. Michael Erpelding says, "I am excited for the next game. We will be running a 4-5 defense and I think we can come out with a win."



## XC is at it again

Taylor Setzer

The boys' and girls' cross country teams are hoping for another successful season this year. Last year the girls placed second in the North Central Conference and 12th at the State meet. The girls have five returning letter winners including All-Conference runner Tangy Wiseman. Carissa Pityer, a sophomore on the team, says, "I am looking forward to how we are going to do at Conference!"

The girls have run in five meets this year, placing 2nd at Spencer, 3rd at Webster City, 4th at Estherville, 5th at Storm Lake, and 6th at Humboldt.

The boys are looking to rebuild their team af-

ter the loss of a great senior class, including State runner-up and three time NCC champion, Ryan McMahon. The boys have a pretty young team this year with five underclassmen running on the Varsity team.

The boys have also run at five meets this year, placing 3rd at Spencer, 6th at Webster City, 5th at Estherville, 7th at Storm Lake, and 7th at Humboldt.

The next meet for both the boys' and girls' cross country teams is next Monday, September 26th, when they will host their first meet! This meet will be run at the River Road Golf Course. Good luck to all runners!

*Xanadu*

Celeste Smith

Our parents' generation grew up with Olivia Newton-John starring in the unusual, funny, romantic, fantasy musical movie *Xanadu*. Our generation probably hasn't heard of it until recently, when the Algona High School Theatre Department announced they are putting on the Broadway production based on the movie.

The Broadway

Musical Website says, "*Xanadu* follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California, in 1980, on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny."

Our local production stars Nicole Kenne and Cameron Lahndorf as the leads, Kira and Sonny. Nicole Kenne says, "It's really fun

and everyone should at least try it once!"

The cast includes seventeen students and a crew of four behind the curtains. Also behind the curtains is Allure Salon doing make up and hair for the show. There are nine musical pieces including singing and dancing. Production began August 19th and the cast has been practicing two to three times a week.

An interesting fact is that Olivia Newton-John starred in the movie versions of both this play and the last school musical, *Grease*.

The musical will be Thursday and Saturday, November 3rd and 5th, at 7:30 p.m. at the old middle school, O.B. Laing. Tickets can be bought for five dollars in advance at Premier Pizza or at the door.

*New faces*

Emily McFarland

This school year there are several new faces at Algona High School. Quite a few of the new students are from WCLT.

There are 11 freshmen, 7 sophomores, 7 juniors, and 11 seniors at AHS from the old WCLT school. "AHS is a lot different, but it has been a lot of fun so far.

It's an exciting adventure," says Janet Hofmann.

Not all the new students at AHS came from WCLT. The total of all of the new students who came to AHS this year is 64.

Be sure to greet them, make new friends, and welcome them to AHS.

*Sand Bar*

Megan Crosser

As of this coming weekend, September 24th, the newest bar in Algona will open. The owners are naming the bar the "Sand Bar." This bar is located downtown, on State Street, where Berte's Back Nine used to be.

In the new bar they are getting rid of all the golfing areas and adding a lot of seating; that was said to be the biggest complaint from when it was Berte's. By adding the new seating, they are now contemplating

on whether or not to put in more pool tables or just keep the seating. For now they will keep one pool table and may add more once they find out how much room they really need.

As for the design of the bar, there will be a big dance floor where all the golfing took place, the bar will remain the same, and there will be plenty of seating. Kaci Postma said, "It'll be sweet to have a new kind of bar in Algona."

*New to America?*

Natashia Lemus

Giulia Dawtjan is one of two foreign exchange students this year at Algona High School. Both foreign exchange students are from Germany.

Giulia was born on February 26, 1995. She was born in GroBenhain, Germany. Giulia has three siblings. Their names are Vanessa, age 15, Maximilian, age 19, and Wardkes, age 20. Giulia's favorite place in Germany is her grandpa's house. Her favorite food in Germany is Krautrouladen (stuffed cabbage leaves).

Giulia's favorite food in America is Schmidt Bologna.

Giulia will be attending Algona High School for one full school year. She is a senior this year. "School in Germany is much different than here in America," said Giulia. "In Germany, they only have a few subjects a day and then the next day they go to a different set of subjects, unlike here where students have every subject every day."

The Banwarts are

Giulia's host family. She is trying her best to learn English but would like to speak German with everyone here in Algona. The first movie Giulia saw when she got to America was *Cars 2D*. Her favorite show to watch on television is *The X Factor*. While she is enjoying her time here, she is very homesick. Be sure to say hi when you see Giulia in the halls.





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## Shared teachers

Jessica Mueller

In addition, to Mrs. Warrant, Mrs. TerHark, and Mr. Ford all teaching high school and middle school students, there are three new middle school teachers teaching high school students as well. Mr. Waltz, Mr. McMahon, and Mr. Weier are now teaching high school classes as well as middle school classes.

Mr. Waltz is teaching two of the environmental science classes. Mr. Weier is teaching two of the 3 Algebra I classes. Mr. McMahon is teaching the two world issues classes. They are teaching high school classes because there are more students this year and they needed to have teachers teach these classes. Mr. McMahon said, "The

high school students bring a lot of new ideas every day to class. It's fun to teach high school students."

Many of the students do not like walking outside to get to the classrooms. The students have to walk outside to get to their classes that are in the new middle school because the teachers don't want the high school

students to bother the middle school students.

The students like the classes that they are taking, but they feel that they should be able to walk through the middle school commons under certain circumstances. Jamie Mueller said, "We shouldn't have to walk outside during the winter and when it's raining."

## New guidance

Teresa Regehr

He may have been your fifth grade teacher. He may have been your basketball coach. He is now the new counselor at Algona High School. He is Noel McLaughlin.

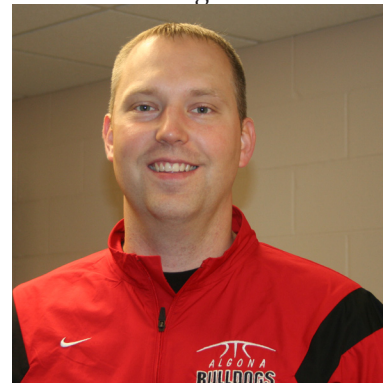
This is his first year as a counselor. He was a fifth grade teacher at Lucia Wallace for six years.

When asked why he wanted to be a counselor, he said he wanted to help people. Mr. McLaughlin wanted to stay in the area, which is why he picked Algona High School. He said so far he likes his job. He says the best part of his

job is meeting different kids every day. He has already been in difficult situations, although he has not been in an uncomfortable situation yet.

Mr. McLaughlin is married to Amy. Amy teaches 2nd grade in the Algona School District. They have three daughters; Lauren is five, Hayden is three, and Taylor is four months old. Besides spending time with his family, Mr. McLaughlin loves to be on the golf course.

If you haven't met him yet, be sure to stop by the guidance office and tell Mr. McLaughlin hi!



## Mr. Yi in the spotlight

Rachel Feuring

Tong-Uk Yi, the Algona High School art teacher, was born in Seoul, South Korea. Then he came to the states for a better quality of life and education. He grew up in Marion, Iowa, and graduated from Marion High School where he participated in football and wrestling.

After graduation he went to Loras College where

he graduated with a B.A. in Fine Arts/ Art History. Also, he attended the University of Iowa for his teaching degree. He has his masters, which he recieved from Southwest Minnesota State. He is now known at Algona High as the art instructor, football coach, wrestling coach, and high school girls' track coach.

Yi says, "I enjoy working here because of the great kids and the nice enviornment to teach at." He enjoys muskie and walleye fishing, drawing, and making art.

He's married to his wife, Pattie, and has three children, Paige, Conner, and Collin. Next time you see Mr. Yi in the hallway, be sure to give him a high five!

## Idiot Brother

Jeremy Black

The movie *Our Idiot Brother* came out on September 26th. It is a comedy starring Paul Rudd, Francesca Papalia, and others.

The movie is about a guy named Ned (Paul Rudd), who sells drugs to a uniformed police officer at a market. Ned tries to do the right thing and also have a

good time while his sisters think he is an idiot and screws everything up.

The movie is a must see, if you are into comedies. The movie is rated R, so you may need a parent if you aren't of age! The movie is 90 minutes long, so make the time and go to the Algona movie theater and watch it.



## 9/11 air travel: now and then

Dylan Cink

Most people know about the date written above. If you don't, you haven't been in the United States over the last decade. Many people who lost someone in the 2001 attacks remember the tragic events that happened on that September day. After being asked what he thought about that day, Hunter Norland said, "It was a very unfortunate event for our country."

Many things have happened since that day in 2001. One thing that has changed for sure is that airports have become much more secure, so there is less of a chance of hijacking. Before the 9/11 attacks, the screening to get on the plane was not very secure. Now, the Transportation Security Administration has cracked down and much stricter screening is now

taking place. Also, there is a "September 11th" fee for all travelers during this day. This is to pay for the added security costs during that day. The cost varies from airline to airline.

The planes themselves have also changed. Stronger cockpit doors replace many of the older doors on the planes. Also, first-class cabin curtains were purchased.

Pilots can now apply to carry a loaded gun on a plane and act as a federal officer on the plane.

As you can see, the air travel has become much more complicated but also much more safe for everyone aboard the plane. Hopefully, with the many changes that have been made, no terrorists can make it past security and cause harm to others like that day in September.

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## Parking lot policy

MaKayla Metzger

Many students do not like the parking lot policy. As the parking lot policy stands right now, according to the handbook, "Cars are not to be parked along the curbs, along any streets surrounding AHS, by any yellow Xed out areas, or the south faculty lot."

Many students feel like they should be able to park in the spaces by the curb in front of the school after four o'clock, when there are no events planned for the night. Many think it is ridiculous that they have been pulled out of practices to move their car when there is no activity at AHS that would need the front parking spaces. Nikki Salvatore says, "I think it is ridiculous, especially when you just have to run in and run out of the school."

Several students

suggest a solution to these complaints would be to let students park in the front spots after four o'clock when there is not a game or major event going on. This would help reduce complaints and violations of this policy. If a compromise was made, things in the parking lot would be a lot smoother.

Mr. Heitland says that the policy will not be changed, because the front parking spaces are also part of the fire lane; therefore, if fire trucks need to get through, they are allowed to run over your vehicle. It is also an issue because they are used by people trying to get to the administration office. Also, Heitland stated that many times people, community organizations, and/or groups rent the facilities for events that are not scheduled on the calendar.



### 2011 Homecoming Court

Amanda Bernhard, Faye Bernhard & Matt Bernhard  
Emily Prilipp, John & Jane Bilsten and the late Denny Prilipp

Alissa Zwiefel, Joel & Linda Zwiefel

Jade Simpson, Dean & Shari Simpson

Becca Ilg, Joe & Ann Ilg

Parth Patel, Dinesh & Sue Patel

Derek Person, Larry & Sandy Person

Michael Erpelding, Dave & Cindy Erpelding

Christian Parker, Bill & Robin Parker

Dylan Cink, Sheila Cink & Craig Cink